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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

The Division of Elections proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 6 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the conduct of elections. The following regulations are proposed to be changed as follows:

- 6 AAC 25.010(b)(d) – Clarifying language for pollwatchers.
- 6 AAC 25.025(2) - Addresses registrar training and duties in their official capacity.
- 6 AAC 25.033(a) - Amends rules on relationships between election officials and candidates.
- 6 AAC 25.035(e)(h)(j) - Amends rules on payment of election officials and polling places.
- 6 AAC 25.040(e) - Adds Wasilla as a regional counting center location.
- 6 AAC 25.050(e) - Adds the Wasilla election office as a designated secured area for ballots.
- 6 AAC 25.068 – Adds new section 6 AAC 25.068 on the hand count verification process.
- 6 AAC 25.074 - Adds a new section for filing of petition for independent candidates for president and limited political parties.
- 6 AAC 25.200 – Is amended by adding a new subsection (d) explaining how a recount should be conducted using a DRE voting system.
- 6 AAC 25.215 - Adds a new section allowing candidates to amend how their names appear on the ballot and establishes a deadline.
- 6 AAC 25.240(h) - Adds a new subsection under initiative, referendum, and recall petitions explaining that an individual signature will not be counted if it is not dated.
- 6 AAC 25.500(a) - Repeals and readopts location and dates of operation for absentee voting stations.
- 6 AAC 25.505 - Adds a new section setting out the required content for absentee by mail voting applications not produced by the Division of Elections.
- 6 AAC 25.650(b) - Clarifies deadlines for sending ballots to persons who have been declared permanent absentee voters.
- 6 AAC 25.671 - Adds a new section regarding preparation of the official federal race ballot.
- 6 AAC 25.672 - Adds a new section regarding preparation of the special absentee federal race ballot.
- 6 AAC 27.036 - Adds a new section regarding write-in candidates for regional educational attendance area (REAA) and coastal resource service area (CRSA) elections.
- 6 AAC 27.037(a) – Provides clarifying language for candidate complaints.
- 6 AAC 27.050(a) - Changes the date the absentee voting application is to be received to conform to Statute.
- 6 AAC 27.060(a) - Reduces the membership of the absentee and questioned ballot counting board from four to at least two members for local or regional elections.

6 AAC 27.070 - Amends the state review board requirement to give the director discretion on whether or not to conduct a hand count audit in a state conducted regional or local election.

6 AAC 27.150 - Adds a new section on establishing a nominating petition and withdrawal process for incorporation election candidates.

6 AAC 27.165 - Adds a new section prohibiting write-in candidates in an incorporation election.

6 AAC 105.502 – Repealed and readopted to add the Tatitlek precinct to the Cordova precinct.

6 AAC 105.530 – Repealed and readopted to add the Northern Prince of Wales Island precinct to the Klawock precinct.

6 AAC 105.545 - Repealed to remove the Northern Prince of Wales Island precinct.

6 AAC 105.555 – Repealed to remove the Tatitlek precinct.

6 AAC 136.655 - Repealed and readopted defining Iliamna Lake North precinct.

6 AAC 136.665 - Repealed and readopted defining Iliamna Lake South precinct.

6 AAC 136.675 – Repealed to eliminate the Levelock precinct.

6 AAC 136.695 – Repealed to eliminate the Pedro Bay precinct.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Mini Cherian, Elections Administrative Supervisor, Division of Elections, PO Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2008.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Mini Cherian at (907) 465-4611 no later than December 21, 2007 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Mini Cherian, Division of Elections, PO Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017, or go to www.elections.alaska.gov

After the public comment period ends, the Division of Elections will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

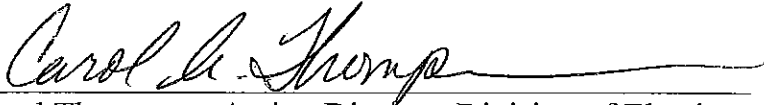
Statutory Authority: AS 15.07.200, AS 15.15.010, AS 15.20.066, AS 15.20.900, AS 15.45.245, AS 15.45.465, AS 15.58.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 14.08.070, AS 14.08.071, AS 15.05.011, AS 15.05.020, AS 15.07.07, AS 15.07.081, AS 15.07.100, AS 15.07.140, AS 15.07.200, AS 15.10.020, AS 15.10.110, AS 15.10.170, AS 15.15.010, AS

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Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes will require an increased appropriation. Fiscal Note will be provided upon request.

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